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DE TIMOR LESTE INDEPENDENTE

Conselho Revolucionario De Resistencia Nacional

Department of International Relations
Office of the Secretary

7 August 1985

Mr. Secretary General:

Acting upon instructions from H.E. Kairala X. GUSMÃO, President of the Revolutionary Council of National Resistance (CRRN) and Commander-in-Chief of East Timor National Liberation Armed Forces (FALINTIL), I have the honour to transmit to you the following statement in regard to the question of East Timor:

"1. The people of East Timor have been subjected, for the past ten years, to a brutal military occupation which has denied us our right to self-determination and independence, as provided for in the Charter of the United Nations, General Assembly Res. 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV), as well as in the relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on the question of East Timor.

2. By virtue of the Charter and the above-mentioned resolutions, East Timor is a subject of international responsibility. The right of our people to national self-determination is fully recognized.

3. The FRETILIN leadership and the people of East Timor wholeheartedly welcomed the adoption of General Assembly Resolution 37/30, in as much as it provided the basis for a possible peaceful solution to the conflict in East Timor which has already cost 200,000 East Timorese lives and the lives of thousands of Indonesian soldiers killed in combat.

4. The people of East Timor are the party most 'directly concerned'. Through the FRETILIN leadership based in the liberated areas of East Timor and its plenipotentiary Representatives abroad, the people of East Timor claim their legitimate right to be consulted about their very future.

5. The people of East Timor, comprised of different cultural, social and religious background, are united around the sacred principle and right to self-determination. This profound unity has enabled the resistance to pursue unabatedly, the struggle for national liberation in spite of the overwhelming odds.

6. For the reasons stated above, the FRETILIN leadership declares that it is available for consultations, within the framework of General Assembly Res. 37/30. Just as much as we welcomed in good faith and with open arms an Indonesian military delegation in our liberated areas in March 1983, we are again reiterating our willingness to meet with Indonesian officials representing the central government, and Portuguese officials, in the framework of the mandate entrusted to Your Excellency by the General Assembly through its Resolution 37/30.

7. The CRRN, the highest politico-military body of FRETILIN, in which East Timorese of all political, cultural and religious background are represented, adopted by unanimity, a 'Peace Plan' which could provide the basis for a just and lasting solution to the problem. (See Annex I)

8. The CRRN is acutely aware of Indonesia's national interests, security concerns, and dignity. It is also acutely aware of the concern of the ASEAN States and those of the South Pacific Forum, about peace and stability in the region. In line with this, the CRRN is prepared to provide any and all the countries of our immediate vicinity with concrete guarantees of our full cooperation for the sake of peace and stability in Southeast Asia and South Pacific regions.

9. Last but not least, I wish to express, Your Excellency, our trust and respect in your high office, and in your personal integrity and ability to discharge the responsibilities given to you by the international community. We are conscious of the delicate and complex process of consultations you have been entrusted with by the General Assembly. Please rest assured of our full cooperation in your efforts to uphold the sacred principles of the Charter.

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Eastern Military Sector in East Timor, 20 July 1985

Signed - Kairala Xanana Gusmao
President of CRRN
Commander-in-Chief of FALINTIL"

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my respect and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

José Ramos Horta

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